

**REMARKS**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment under Rule 312.

A careful review of the application prior to paying the Issue Fee uncovered a number of minor typographical errors in the specification which have been corrected in the substitute specification.

The claims have been amended to also correct minor typographical errors and to remove the word "improved" which is surplusage and is not needed to define the invention or for patentability. Similarly, the phrase "the steps of" is surplusage and unnecessary. These words and phrases have been deleted.

The phrase "The invention comprises" has been deleted from the Abstract.

Since all of the amendments made herein correct minor informalities and do not require any additional search, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment.

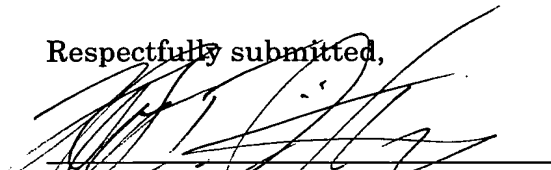
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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